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My dearest Sisters, affectionate Greetings from the Provincial House Bangalore!

We have stepped into another academic year with lot of uncertainties and questions. I have no doubt that many of us would be raising this question in our mind or in conversations: how long is COVID 19 pandemic going to continue?

It has caused a serious impact on almost every society of the earth. The lockdown has been recognized as the only method to control the spread of the pandemic and almost every country has adopted this method.

Amidst the lockdown in Indian society, multiple issues related to social, educational, economical, political, agricultural, psychological levels and many more have been noticed which has created the devastating impact on the lives of the people.

Impact of COVID-19 has been multiple and not only limited to society at large. From the perspective of the economy both rural and urban have been impacted adversely. Everyone has seen the issues being faced by migrant workers; will they be the same when Covid-19 ends? Of course not. The migrant workers depend on daily earnings; they barely have savings which they could spend during any emergency.

Many of them have already abandoned this world. Those who didn't have many resources left with them have started to move to their villages because of the unavailability of jobs and money in the cities. Walking thousands of miles barefoot.

Moving from the economy, the impact of Covid-19 on education has been cruel and its repercussions will be seen in the upcoming future. As per the report of World Bank titled "Beaten or broken: Informality and COVID", WB has warned that there will be the lifelong impact of school closures on the productivity of this generation of students.

Children being out of school for long months might forget some facts as well as impact their learning capacity.

With any pandemic or any situation which impact the society at large comes the problem of psychological trauma. The lockdown has proved that "man is a social being" because continuous lockdown for about four months have impacted people psychologically and the burden has been faced by everyone. As India is

recognized as land of diversity, so the impact of COVID-19 is diverse and countless. It has been truly said that “crisis gives birth to the changes which were pending for many years”, same has happened during the time of Covid-19. Be it online education or other platforms for services. But, again the benefits from these transformations will be limited because of the gap in the digital connectivity of our country.

At this stage, we should ask a genuine question: What kind of society we’ll see post-Covid-19? How are we going to meet the post covid19 challenges in our mission? I think we need to find new ways of going about our routine tasks and become more innovative, courageous, committed and enthusiastic in serving the humanity in this most difficult situation. Let us become the feet, hands eyes, ears and heart of Jesus to all.

FEAST OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus presents us with the opportunity to reflect on the relevance of this venerable symbol in our daily lives. The image of the Sacred Heart is never mentioned as such in Sacred Scripture, but its meaning can be found spanning each page from Genesis to Revelation.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the manifestation of human and divine love in Jesus Christ, True Man and True God, Redeemer and King. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals the depths of God’s love for us. “The heart of Jesus” is His inner life, which was always radiated truth, goodness, and beauty. “The Sacred Heart of Jesus” is both His heart of flesh, but also His mercy and love—both as a man and as God. Such love surpasses human understanding. Such love led God to become man and face the agonizing death of the Cross—this love demonstrates God’s desire for our redemption and our love.

When we speak of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we speak in a single, simple expression of the sensible human love of Jesus. We speak at the same time of a human love that was infused with a divine love in His soul and His will. Finally, we speak of a divine love which Jesus shares with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. When we speak of the Sacred Heart of Jesus we are reflecting and discussing fundamentally this: the love of and mercy of Jesus Christ.

A spirituality of the heart is all about love; the love God has for us present since the beginning of creation but made known in the Scriptures and brought to full realisation in Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus not only makes known God’s all-embracing compassionate love, he is also the perfect example of what it is to be a loving human being. Following the example of Jesus we enter our own heart and discover there God’s love; and deeply immersed in God’s love for us we are invited to go out and be on earth the heart of God.

Jesus’ heart reaches out for us, it goes out in search of us; it pines after us as a shepherd for a lost sheep. Let us take a moment today to imagine ourselves as that lost sheep of Luke’s Gospel. As a sheep loved by the Shepherd, whose loving heart follows after it wherever it may go always seeking the good of His fold, gathering them together in love, and leading them in peace by His gentle voice. Each of us is the lost sheep: as individuals, as communities, and as a human family. God seeks to reconcile us to Himself and loves us so much that He sends Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in search of us, to bear us on His shoulders and bring us back rejoicing to the eternal pastures of the New Jerusalem.

Let us take to heart the rich meaning of this ancient devotion; let us allow ourselves to be struck by the love of Christ. In the ordinary moments of our lives, the simple as much as the spectacular, the majestic as well as the mundane, may we be transformed by the knowledge that we are loved and respond with gratitude to love in return. May our hearts beat along with the heart of Jesus, be conformed unto His, and in doing so become channels of His intense, intimate love for each person; that our hearts too may be afire

with the incarnate love of God. Let us prepare for this feast well by the practices proposed. As it is the feast of our province, let us pray fervently for all our communities and its mission.



05	WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
06	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
08	BLESSED STEPHEN SANDOR SDB
11	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
12	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
23	ST JOSEPH CAFASSO
24	NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
29	SOLEMNITY OF Sts. PETER AND PAUL



THANK YOU!

- ✿ My sincere thanks to Sr. Monica Thomas and the Provincial House Community for making the necessary arrangements for the First Profession and Final Profession even during this time of Pandemic and lockdown. A special word of thanks for the live streaming of these celebrations.
- ✿ I also take this opportunity to thank all the animators of communities of Bannerghatta, Chandur, Secunderabad Auxilium, Guntur, Nandigama, Ongole, Kottiyam, & Vazhichal for creating the ambient for three days animation, one day recollection and for receiving their vows.
- ✿ A special word of gratitude and Appreciation to dear Sr. Alice Chacko for animating the temporary professed sisters ONLINE on 21 & 22 May. Let us pray that God may keep them faithful till the end of their life.
- ✿ I appreciate Sr. Monica Thomas for the painstaking efforts to get ready all the materials for the online retreat which was conducted from 16 - 22 May. It was well appreciated by all.
- ✿ A special word of gratitude and appreciation to the Provincial - Sr. Alphonsa Kurisinkal and to Sr. Lydia Komuhra and her community at Auxilium Guwahati, for accompanying Sr. Wari Rwisumwi with much love and attention for the past three years during her studies and for the past one year during the time of her intensive Juniorate. May God continue to bless you in the best way to fulfill your mission.

📌 A Special word of Thanks to dear Sr. Rosely Devassy and Co. for arranging three days of virtual animation for the vocationable girls in Kerala region. Thank You dear sisters for all the initiatives and for all the arrangements. May God grant us good vocations.

NEW ANIMATOR FOR MITTAPALLY

Mother General has accepted the request of Sr. Sagaya Jaculine Selvi and has permitted her one year of leave of absence to look after her sick and elderly mother at the sudden death of her only sister. We assure Sr. Jaculine our prayerful support and closeness.

Mother General has also confirmed the appointment of the animator of the community at Mittappally. Sr. Kothakotta Rayalu Clara will be the new animator for the term 2021- 2024. I thank Sr. Clara for her availability in accepting this leadership role.

INSTALLATION OF THE ANIMATORS

Angamaly	-	Sr. THOPPIL Annie	: 30 th May	Sr. Maria Goretti
Bhoiguda	-	Sr. VALIAPRAMBIL Mary	: 13 th June	- Sr.Celine Jacob
Champrajpet	-	Sr. PUTHUSSERY Sherly Ann	: 08 th June	- Sr.Celine Jacob
Maradiyur	-	Sr. POTHEN Elizabeth	: 07 th June	- Sr.Celine Jacob
Hyderabad Uppal	-	Sr. MATHEW Ancy	: 14 th June	- Sr.Celine Jacob
Puthiyathura	-	Sr. THAYIL Anna	: 08 th June	- Sr. Rosa Challamkathil
Mittappally	-	Sr. KOTHAKOTTA RAYALU Clara	: 15 th June	- Sr.Celine Jacob

ARRIVAL OF CONTACT PERIOD CANDIDATES

Candidates who have expressed their desire to see and experience our way of life in different places and those girls who were in touch with our Sisters will come to Auxilium Welfare Centre (those from Kerala & Karnataka) & Karunapuram (those from A.P &T.S). I kindly request you to follow them make sure that they reach formation house after the lock down.

WELCOME TO THE POSTULANTS FROM MUMBAI PROVINCE

Two postulants will be joining our aspirantate at Karunapuram. We welcome them whole heartedly and wish them happy stay and a fruitful formative experience.

COURSES AND WEBINARS

All the Indian Provincials and the Youth Pastoral Coordinators had a webinar with Sr. Runita Borja, the General Councillor of Youth Pastoral on 15th May 2021. Sr. Dayana Rodrigues and myself participated in the same on the theme “Living Laudato Si – Presentation of the Action Platform .

MEETING WITH MOTHER GENERAL

All the Chapter members had a Webex meeting with Mother General and the councillors on 09th May 2021 in view of the forthcoming General Chapter and to begin the immediate preparations for GC XXIV.

Another meeting was conducted on 22nd May by La Madre and Sr. Lucy Rose with the seven Provincials of India. This meeting was arranged by Mother to enquire about the situation of COVID 19 in each of our provinces and the locality where ever we are. We could really feel the concern Mother and the General Councillors had for all the sisters. Mother listened with immense love, attention and patience to each one of us and understood well the challenges we and our people going through in this time of pandemic.

She recommended us to be steadfast in our faith recognizing the presence of God and especially the Holy Spirit, during this difficult historical time, to live the Salesian Charism with creativity, to give priority to the formation of Sisters and young people, to witness to communion among ourselves, to promote missionary *ad gentes* to reach out to the whole world and to work towards a good strategy for vocational animation. She conveyed her prayerful greetings to each one of you! We express our gratitude to *La Madre* for her keen involvement in the life and mission of her daughters and her constant accompaniment. *Mille Grazie Madre!*

CFE SALESIAN PARTENERSHIP CELEBRATION MEETING

On 31 May from 10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m. there was an online celebration: 'Centre For Excellence' Salesian Partnership Celebration cum 4th Year Kick-Off Meeting, during which the success stories and achievement of the three-year partnership between the FMA PCI and Miracle Foundation highlighted. The member participants were office bearers of Miracle team, provincials MTs, CMTs, LSE Trainers and Career Counsellors and CCI Sisters. Mutual appreciations were shared in reaching out to the child care institutions and for safeguarding the rights of children. We will be also planning together the strategies and programs to be carried forward in the coming year.

The CCI (Child Care Institution) that is selected for further follow up and support from our province is Uppal, Hyderabad. Congratulations to the organizers of Miracle Team and Sr. Alphonse J. Isabella, the link between FMA and Miracle, and everyone who contributed for the success of the celebration.

WELCOME BACK TO THE PROVINCE

- Our dear Sr. Rwisumwi Wari have successfully completed her academic studies at Udalguri and intensive Juniorate at Auxilium Provincial House, Guwahati. She has returned to the province on 2nd June. While we welcome her with joyful hearts we wish her fruitful mission in her new assignments.
- We extend a warm welcome to Sr. Dunna Jose Mary who will be returning to the Province in the first week of July after the completion of the three-year Course in Religious Science at Auxilium ,Rome. She will be at Sacred Heart Home, Karunapuram as the Assistant of the Aspirants. We assure her our prayerful support as she takes up this noble mission of accompanying the young candidates.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ❖ Let us continue to pray for the eradication of Corona Virus from the face of the earth and for all the people who are affected by it.
- ❖ For the mother and brother-in-law of Sr. Sahaya Jacqueline Selvi
- ❖ For the brother of Sr. Saleth Patrick

SINCERE CONDOLENCES & ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS

- ✚ To dear Sr. Mary V.J. at the sudden loss of her sister Mrs. Annakutty Karanatt (72) on 09 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Vijaya Gudime at the passing away of her beloved father Mr. Shanthaiah Gudime(82) on 09 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Helen Thonippara at the loss of her nephew Mr. Jose Thonippara (70) and Bridget Thonippara her cousin on 11 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Josmary Dunna at the demise of her grandmother Mrs. Nagaratnam (86) on 11 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Vitoria Rani Marsakatla at the sudden loss of her two cousins Mr. Chandrashekar (39) & Mr. Rajashekar (37) on 12 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Florence Levion at the passing away of her beloved father Mr. Paul Levion (59) on 13 May 2021.
- ✚ To Fr. Jose Koyickal and the Confreres of the Province of INK at the demise of Fr. Antony Mampra (95) on 16 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Sahaya Jacqueline Selvi at sudden demise of her sister Mrs. Jancy (35) on 19 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Margaret Amalanathan and the sisters of the province of INT at the passing away of Sr. Cherian Licy (68) 12 May 2021.
- ✚ To Fr. Fr. Joseph Pauria and the Confreres of the Province of INC at the demise of Fr. John Ekka (51) on 14 May 2021.
- ✚ To Sr. Anna T at the loss of her niece's husband Mr. Johny (74) on 18 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Sahaya Jacqueline Selvi at the sudden demise of her beloved sister Mrs. Jancy (35) on 19 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Geetha Mathew at the loss of her maternal aunt Mrs. Aliamma (79) on 26 May 2021.
- ✚ To Fr. Jose Kuruvachira and the confreres of the Salesian Province of IND at the passing away of Fr. Stanislaus Kerketta (81) on 28 May 2021.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Elizabeth Pothen at the loss of her brother-in-law Mr. KA Thomas (80) on 01 June 202.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Annie Thoppil at the loss of her dear uncle Fr. Antony Pottakerry SDB on 02 June 2021.
- ✚ To Fr. Jose Kochamkunnel and the Confreres of the Province of INM at the demise of Fr. Antony Pottakerry on 02 June 2021.

TRANSFERS & NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Sisters, I know by now many of you have reached your new communities and some will be reaching these days. I thank you for your availability to accept in faith the apostolic assignment given to you with much trust and confidence. Each one of you is a special gift of God to your Community where you will be able to realize your God - given talents. May you experience much joy and fulfilment in your vocation and contribute to the mission of the Institute and the Church. For this Divine love must be the life- blood of every community, uniting and sustaining all the members. This love must bloom into sincere human kindness.” Love is what builds up”(1 Cor 8;1)

CONCLUSION

I wish each one of you a very Happy Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus the patron of our Province. I extend our festal greetings and prayers to all the Salesians of the Sacred Heart Province Bangalore. My special greetings to Sacred Heart Provincial House, Sacred Heart Training Centre Bangalore, Sacred Heart Home Karunapuram and Sacred Heart Kattappana. May the Heart of Jesus inflame our hearts with His love.

Affectionately,

Sr. Celine Jacob

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Provincial

HAPPY FEAST

